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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1654

DATE PREPARED: Jan 10, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: AIDS Testing in Prisons.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Department of Correction (DOC) to examine a person committed to the Department for the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). It requires the Department of Correction to develop and implement an informational program for a person committed to the Department who tests positive for the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection or acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *This bill results in added expenses to the Department of Health of \$63,720 if 1% of the population needs confirmatory tests.*

The cost projection per HIV test is approximately \$5 for a screening test and \$50 for a confirmatory test. Currently, the Indiana State Health Department covers the expense of the HIV tests.

Cost of Initial Test: The number of adult and juvenile offenders who were committed to DOC facilities in FY 2000 was 13,869. The Department of Correction reports that about 2,500 offenders are currently given HIV tests. Using this admissions figure and netting out the number of offenders who currently request HIV tests, the costs of the initial test would be \$56,785.

Cost of Confirmatory Test: Unless a random sample is obtained, it is impossible to identify how many confirmatory tests are required. Two surveys have indicated that about 1% of the offenders entering DOC have tested positive for HIV. If 1% of the offenders entering DOC in the next year test positive and a confirmatory test must be performed for these offenders, the estimated cost would be \$6,935 for individuals testing positive for HIV.

Added Counseling: The Department of Correction reports that it currently provides post-test counseling for those offenders who test positive. Instruction includes the disease's natural history, how it is transmitted, and the proper types of medication and testing for viral loads. DOC may incur some additional administrative expenses in identifying and providing information about the entities and qualified medical personnel that provide support or treatment in the community where the offender will reside upon release.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Correction, Department of Health.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Department of Correction.